

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Lane S38129

CT VA [sic: NH]

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

I John Lane of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia do make this declaration which to the best of my recollection contains the truth. Viz. In the year 1776 I enlisted in the Continental line for 3 years and served in a Company commanded by Capt Lucas in Gen'l. Putnams [Israel Putnam's] Brigade. I was in many of battles of the Revolution, Viz. at White Plains [28 Oct 1776], at German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], at Prince Town [Princeton, 3 Jan 1777], at Trent Town [Trenton, 26 Dec 1776], and at Savannah [siege of Savannah, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779]; and in the Battles of White Plains and at Savannah I was severely wounded; and at the latter place I was taken Prisoner; After being exchanged I joined the army and enlisted for dureing the war with Maj'r. Nelson [John Nelson, pension application W5414] of the Cavalry and continued in service untill the end of the war and was honourably discharged at Hampton by Maj'r. Nelson which Discharge I lost. I am now very old, very infirm, and very needy, and entirely unable to get a support by labour and am dependant on the bounty of my friends and the aid of my Country for Subsistence. Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1819  
[Henrico County VA] John hisXmark Lain

United States of america }

District of Virginia towit: }

On this fourth day of December 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the United States for the District of Virginia personally appeared John Lane aged Ninety three years resident in Manchester Chesterfield County in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said John Lane enlisted for the term of three years on the — day of — in the year 1776 in the state of New Hampshire in the company commanded by Captain Lucas, 4th Regiment commanded by Colon'l. Willis, in the Brigade under Genl Putman on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the expiration of said three years, during which time he was made a prisoner at Savanah, that after his exchange he reenlisted & served during the war when he was discharged from the service in Hampton Virginia by Captain Nelson of the cavalry to whose Corps he was attached and that he was in the Battles of the White plains, Savannah, German Town, Princeton & Trenton, and was severely wounded at Savannah when made prisoner, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Lane

District of Virginia ss.

On this third day of April 1821, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico John Lane aged ninety four years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820, that he, the said John Lane enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1776 in the State of New hampshire in the company commanded by captain Lucas in the regiment commanded by colonel Willis in the line of the State of New Hampshire on the United States continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of three years when he was discharged from the said service, at the White plains in the State of New York and reenlisted and served during the war, when he was discharged from the service at hampton in the State of Virginia by Major Robert Nelson [sic] of the Cavalry whose corps he was attached and that he was in the Battles of White Plains Barman Town, Prince Town, Trent Town at Savannah

where he was severely wounded and made prisoner and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except what is here Exhibited

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly Sware that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. that he has no real or personal Estate is by occupation a labourer but possesses no ability to pursue it in consequence of loosing the use of his limbs he has not walked for six years that he depends on the private Charity of his friends for support & he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support

Sworn to, and declared, on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1821                  John hisXmark Lane

[The following is in the [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) for a different John Lane (VAS2089).]

Acts of Assembly 1807 to 1815 inclusive  
Office of Keeper of the Rolls.    Page 81.  
Chap. XCVII

An act placing on the List of Pensioners certain Persons therein named/ Passed Feby 6th 1808.  
Be it Enacted by the General Assembly – That John Hays, and Nancy his wife, William Hopkins and Judith his wife, Robert Beraden[?], Sarah Perry, widow of Hildebert Perry, Kitty Barlow widow of John Barlow deceased, John Lane and Ann Maria his wife Shall be and are hereby placed on the list of Pensioners; and the eight of them first named, shall be entitled to receive annually from the Public Treasury the Sum of Fourty Dollars each; and the said Ann Maria, who in the Revolutionary War, in the Garb, and with the courage of a Soldier, performed extraordinary Military service, and received a severe wound at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], shall in consideration thereof, be entitled to receive one hundred Dollars per annum from the public Treasury. Each of the Pensioners herein named shall also be authorised to receive the sum of Forty Dollars for their immediate relief and the Auditor of Public accounts is hereby required to issue his Warrant therefor, Payable out of any money in the Treasury. This act shall be in force from the passage thereof.

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file contains numerous receipts similar to the following for a joint pension awarded by Virginia as above.]

Recd a Warrant of Eighty Dollars for self & wife's pension  
12 Feby 1808    John hisXmark Lane

Recd a Warrant of Ten dollars 29 cents for balance of Pension due his late wife Ann Marie Lane from 6 May to 13 June 1810 the time of her death.  
18 June 1810    John hisXmark Lane

Gentlemen please to pay to my Daughter the sum of \$15 which is due me for my pention money per quarter  
Feby 6<sup>th</sup> 1817/ John Lain  
1817 Feby 6 Recd a warrant of fifteen Dolls \$15                                  Sarah herXmark Lane

Elijah Brown admnor of John Lane, dec'd. pensioner, made oath before me this day that the said Lane died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July last. Given under my hand this 16 August 1823.                  Jas E Heath

NOTE: The file contains a letter from William Clark of Richmond VA dated 11 Feb 1851 inquiring on behalf of his wife about bounty land for the services of her grandfather, John Lane. Another letter, dated 27 Nov 1852, refers to a daughter of John Lane, "a poor but very worthy widow of my flock."